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LD 622

Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, and the distinguished members of the Committee on Transportation

I am an owner of an all electric vehicle. I oppose LD 622. To impose a \$250 annual surcharge places an unjustified burden on EV owners. There are better ways to approach the concern of road maintenance and upgrades than attacking the citizens of Maine who happen to own an EV. Not all EV's that use Maine roads are registered in Maine. There are better ways to raise funds for our roadways via EV usage. An excise tax on tires; a user rate on electricity such as the type of fees found on your telephone bill; a half percent sales tax on EV's over the existing sales tax of 5.5%; limiting weight of vehicles on certain roads to name a few.

But the best way is to implement a surcharge at all EV refueling stations. This captures funding from all EV's using public roads including those from out of state just as we collect gas tax from at every pump from all users of the public roads.

EV owners are willing to share the burden of road maintenance where it is fair and equitable but LD622 places an unfair and onerous burden on the EV owners of Maine.

LD 622 is simply a regressive answer to the roadway infrastructure problems we all face.

I urge you to please vote "ought not to pass" on LD 622!